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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/2/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the communication filed 6/26/2003.
2. Claims 1-21 were received for consideration.
3. No preliminary amendments for the claims were filed. Currently claims 1-21 are under consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. **Claims 1-21** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 and 12 recites the limitation "the other apparatus" in 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claims 1-21 recite the word "if" which renders the claim indefinite since "if" is a conditional statement. Examiner suggests replacing the word "if" with "when". Appropriate corrections are required.

Claims 1-21 are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical errors.

The examiner will interpret the claims as best understood for applying the appropriate art for rejection purposes.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. **Claims 1-11 and 12-21** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kondoh et al. (US 6,968,058).

As per **claim 1**, Kondoh et al. discloses: authenticating if image data generated by a self apparatus has not been altered, and a function of authenticating if image data generated by the other apparatus has not been altered (Column 4, Lines 46-59, filing management unit, external apparatus).

As per **claim 12**, Kondoh et al. discloses: a first mode of generating image data, and generating authentication data used to authenticate if the image data has not been altered, and a second mode of authenticating if the image data has not been altered, using the authentication data (Column 5, Lines 64-67).

As per **claim 2**, rejected as applied to claim 1. Furthermore, Kondoh et al. discloses: function of generating authentication data used to authenticate if image data

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generated by the self apparatus has not been altered (Column 4, Lines 64-Column 5, lines 14).

As per **claims 3 and 13**, rejected as applied to claims 1 and 12. Furthermore, Kondoh et al. discloses: when authentication data used to authenticate if image data generated by the self apparatus has not been altered is generated, data unique to said imaging apparatus is used (Column 12, Lines 14-37 and Column 13, Lines 34-47).

As per **claims 4 and 14**, rejected as applied to claims 1 and 12. Furthermore, Kondoh et al. discloses: when authentication data used to authenticate if image data generated by the self apparatus has not been altered is generated, secret data held by said imaging apparatus is used (Column 4, Lines 30-36).

As per **claims 5 and 15**, rejected as applied to claims 1 and 12. Furthermore, Kondoh et al. discloses: when authentication data used to authenticate if image data generated by the self-apparatus has not been altered is generated, a hash function is used (Column 4, Lines 64-Column 5, Lines 4).

As per **claims 6 and 16**, rejected as applied to claims 1 and 12. Furthermore, Kondoh et al. discloses: when authentication data used to authenticate if image data generated by the self apparatus has not been altered is generated, an arithmetic operation based on a predetermined common key cipher system is made (Column 5, Lines 26-45).

As per **claims 7 and 17**, rejected as applied to claims 1 and 12. Furthermore, Kondoh et al. discloses: when it is authenticated if image data generated by the other

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apparatus has not been altered, data unique to the other apparatus is used (Column 5, Lines 33-36).

As per **claims 8 and 18**, rejected as applied to claims 1 and 12. Furthermore, Kondoh et al. discloses: when it is authenticated if image data generated by the other apparatus has not been altered, secret data held by said imaging apparatus is used (Column 6, Lines 23-63).

As per **claims 9 and 19**, rejected as applied to claims 1 and 12. Furthermore, Kondoh et al. discloses: when it is authenticated if image data generated by the other apparatus has not been altered, a hash function is used (Column 6, Lines 23-63).

As per **claims 10 and 20**, rejected as applied to claims 1 and 12. Furthermore, Kondoh et al. discloses: when it is authenticated if image data generated by the other apparatus has not been altered, an arithmetic operation based on a predetermined common key cipher system is made (Column 6, Lines 23-63).

As per **claims 11 and 21**, rejected as applied to claims 1 and 12. Furthermore, Kondoh et al. discloses: one of a digital camera, digital video camera, and scanner (Column 4, Lines 46-47).

Conclusion


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Saoussen Besrour whose telephone number is 571-272-6547. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am to 5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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